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KUWAIT PASS DOHA/MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, CB, SA
SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE

REF: (A) STATE 220123; (B) JIDDA 5560

1. AMBASSADOR AGAIN TALKED WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MAS'UD TODAY (OCT 9) CONCERNING CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE. HE REFERRED TO THEIR CONVERSATION OF THE PREVIOUS DAY DURING WHICH MAS'UD HAD GIVEN FIRM ASSURANCES THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO SAUDI UN DELEGATION ACTIVELY TO SUPPORT GKR, AND TELEGRAMS WOULD BE SENT TO SMALLER FULF STATES TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT FOR GKR. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH SECRETARY AND USG ATTACHED TO THIS QUESTION HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER SAG HAD GOTTEN ANY FEEDBACK FROM ITS APPROACHES TO GULF STATES. AMBASSADOR REITERATED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT SAG POSITION COULD BE CRUCIAL TO
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THE OUTCOME AS MOST GULF STATES AND POSSIBLY OTHER

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ARAB STATES WOULD BE LOOKING TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR
LEADERSHIP.

2. MAS'UD SAID THAT TELEGRAMS HAD BEEN SENT TO MUSCAT,
BAHRAIN, DOHA AND KUWAIT; HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY SAG
WOULD CHANGE NEGATIVE KUWAITI POSITION BUT HOPED THE
OTHERS WOULD FOLLOW THE SAUDIS' LEAD. HE SAID THAT AS
SAG HAD NO RELATIONS WITH UAE HE HAD DONE NOTHING THERE.
AT THE AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION HE AGREED TO CONTACT THE
SAUDI OFFICE IN DUBAI.

3. POLITICAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED CAMBODIAN ISSUE WITH
DIRECTOR AFRICAN-ASIAN AFFAIRS EARLIER IN THE DAY AND
AGAIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S LATEST CONVERSATION
WITH MAS'UD TO CHECK ON THE FOLLOW-UP. HE WAS ABLE TO
CONFIRM THAT MAS'UD HAS BEEN ACTIVE ON THIS QUESTION. AS
FAR AS WE CAN TELL MAS'UD'S PROMISES ARE BEING TRANSLATED
INTO ACTION.

4. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: WE UNDERSTAND
THAT THE STATES OF THE GULF, EXCEPTING KUWAIT, WILL
FOLLOW THE SAUDI LEAD. WE ARE NOT TOO SURE, HOWEVER,
IN WHAT TERMS THE SAUDI RECOMMENDATIONS WILL HAVE
BEEN SENT TO THE FULF CAPITALS. WE RECOMMEND,
THEREFORE (AS WE DID MIDLY IN REF B), THAT EMBASSIES
DOHA, ABU DHABI, MANAMA AND MUSCAT (IF OMAN IS INDEED
A MEMBER OF THE UN) BE INSTRUCTED ASAP TO TELL THEIR
GOVERNMENTS THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS ASSURED US IT
WOULD VOTE FOR THE GKR. THE DEPARTMENT IS ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT IN SURMISING THAT DISCUSSIONS OF PROCEDURAL
MATTERS WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL (REF A); OUR EMPHASIS
HERE HAS SIMPLY BEEN TO KEEP THE COMMUNISTS OUT OF THE
UN. PRESUMABLY THIS APPROACH WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN
ALL PARTS OF THE PERSIAN GULF EXCEPT KUWAIT. FEW
OF THEM WOULD UNDERSTAND THE INTRICACIES OF UN
PROCEDURES BETTER THAN DO THE SAUDIS. THE POSTS
MAY ALSO SAY THAT THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS
TOLD US IT HAS CONTACTED THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRIES IN
AN EFFORT TO COORDINATE POSITIONS; THAT SAUDI ARABIA
AGREES WITH THE U.S. POSITION COMPLETELY AND THAT
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BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WANT TO KEEP THE COMMUNISTS OUT
OF THE UN. (WE SUGGEST THAT POSTS NOT RPT NOT
USE THE TERM "GKR" OR "GRUNK" BUT TO SPEAK OF
THE "LEGITIMATE ANTI-COMMUNIST GOVT" AND THE
"SO-CALLED ROYAL COMMUNISTS OF SIHANOUK.") THERE
MAY HAVE BEEN SOME CONFUSION HERE ABOUT "ROYALISTS"
WHO ARE ALSO COMMUNISTS.
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